SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 192
Infant Eye Care/Mandatory Examinations
by Senator Wilson

Requires every infant born in a hospital to receive, before being discharged from the hospital, an eye examination using an ophthalmoscope and dilation of the pupils for detection of pediatric congenital and ocular abnormalities. Provides an exception to eye examinations when parents file a written objection. Provides that coverage for children under health insurance policies and HMO contracts must include periodic eye examinations for infants and children. Specifies that the act applies to policies and contracts issued or renewed on or after July 1, 2009. (See bill for details)